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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Shepherd of Love, our lives are open books to You, for You see our thoughts before they are formed and know our words before we utter a single sentence. Your powers astound us.

Today, guide our lawmakers on the path that leads to faith, inspiring them to cultivate a quiet spirit of confidence in Your providential love. Lord, teach them to wait with hope and to endure to the end, believing that in everything You are working for the good of those who love You and are called according to Your purposes.

God of Grace and Glory, we revel in Your goodness, rejoicing because of Your generous mercy.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following my remarks and those of the Republican leader, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2280. There will be 6 hours of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the bill. Senator BOXER will control the

opponents' time. Senator LANDRIEU will control 1 hour of the proponents' time, and Senator HOEVEN will control 2 hours.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for our weekly caucus meetings.

At about 6:15 p.m.—give or take a few minutes—this evening the Senate will vote on a bill to approve the Keystone Pipeline.

There will be three rollcall votes on confirmation of the Abrams, Cohen, and Ross nominations, followed by the confirmation of five Ambassadors, which are expected by voice vote.

There will be 30 minutes of debate prior to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the USA Freedom Act.

### USA FREEDOM ACT

Mr. REID. As I have indicated, this evening we will vote on the motion to proceed to the bipartisan USA FREEDOM Act, which reforms the U.S. Government's domestic surveillance authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, as we have come to call it.

In 2013 the American public first learned that the Federal Government collected telephone and Internet records of ordinary Americans—even when those Americans were not suspected of any wrongdoing. Earlier this year Senator LEAHY introduced the USA FREEDOM Act to end this bulk data collection. This bill has the support of the entire U.S. intelligence community, including the Director of National Intelligence, Gen. James Clapper. It enhances privacy and civil liberties protections, and it continues to give the U.S. intelligence community the ability to gather the information it needs to help keep America safe.

Two weeks ago the American people sent Congress a simple message: Let's work together. The USA FREEDOM Act is an excellent opportunity for Democrats and Republicans to work to-

gether to pass legislation that is good for this country.

The chairman of the Judiciary Committee, PAT LEAHY, has done tremendous work in crafting this bill. I hope we will invoke cloture today to allow us to proceed to this matter. Chairman LEAHY will manage the bill on the Senate floor in what I hope will be an open, bipartisan process.

In working to craft this bipartisan legislation, I expect Senators on both sides will want to offer amendments. Everyone should understand that there is not going to be any effort to stop this by the procedural avenue we call tree-filling. Instead, if we get on the legislation, the bill's managers will address amendments as they are offered. So I hope Democrats and Republicans will be able to come to agreements for votes on a number of amendments—hopefully a reasonable number or, of course, we will have no alternative than to try to terminate that by trying to get cloture on the bill itself. I am optimistic that we can work together—I hope so—to forge a compromise and pass this essential legislation.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOKER). The Republican leader is recognized.

### FISA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, the recent beheading of U.S. citizen Peter Kassig was the latest reminder of the brutal tactics employed by ISIL, a murderous terrorist organization and insurgency that slaughters the innocent and routinely employs suicide bombers and IEDs in its campaign of terror.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant slaughtered Sunni tribe members in Anbar Province, executed prisoners, and captured key terrain in cities such as Mosul.

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